

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 195  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2023

**Import of Natural Gas**

**195. SHRI KANAKMAL KATARA**

**पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री**

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any study has been conducted by the Government for the import of Natural gas from Middle-East Countries through undersea pipeline during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the natural gas imported through undersea pipeline would be much cheaper than the rate of gas imported by domestic sector companies at present and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has so far received any proposal from any stakeholders for laying undersea pipeline to import natural gas from Middle East Countries and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the share of gas in India's energy mix from the present six per cent to fifteen per cent by 2030?

**ANSWER**

**पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर तेली)**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND  
NATURAL GAS  
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

- (a) No Sir.
- (b) The price of Natural gas and Liquefied Natural gas (LNG) are functions of many factors including, market supply and demand, production levels, level of natural gas in storage, variations in winter and summer weather and hurricanes, economic growth, availability and prices of other fuels and geopolitical scenario (conflict, sanctions etc.) etc.
- (c) No Sir.

- (d) Various steps have been taken by the Government to raise the share of natural gas in energy mix to 15% in 2030 from about 6.7% currently. These include expansion of National Gas Grid Pipeline, expansion of City Gas Distribution (CGD) network, setting up of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Terminals, allocation of domestic gas to Compressed Natural Gas (Transport) / Piped Natural Gas (Domestic) CNG(T)/PNG(D) in no cut category, allowing marketing and pricing freedom to gas produced from high pressure/high temperature areas, deep water & ultra-deep water and from coal seams, Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) initiatives to promote Bio-CNG, etc.

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